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ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

MEASURES TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AND THE ROLE OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

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1992/... Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolutions 1990/1 and 1990/2 of 20 August 1990, and 1991/2 of 20 August 1991,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 45/105 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly declared once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized form, such as

apartheid, or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, were among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means,

Aware of the growing importance and magnitude of the phenomenon of racism and its consequences for migrant workers, as well as the efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of all migrant workers and their families, and recalling in that regard the adoption by the General Assembly of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,

Conscious that the scourges of racism and racial discrimination are continually assuming new forms, requiring a periodic re-examination of the methods used to combat them,

Convinced of the need for the proclamation by the General Assembly of a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination, to begin in 1993, as a means of intensifying international efforts in this field, particularly through international economic cooperation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/11) submitted pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1991/2,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General and expresses its deep concern at the reported serious incidents attributable to racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia that take place in any part of the world;

2. Decides to submit the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session;

3. Recommends that the General Assembly take appropriate steps in due course to launch a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination, to begin in 1993;

4. Recommends that the Commission on Human Rights appoint a thematic special rapporteur to address the issue of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia that occur in any part of the world;

5. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolutions 1991/11 of 22 February 1991 and 1992/8 of 21 February 1992,

Recalling also its resolution 1992/41 of 28 February 1992 on human rights and thematic procedures,

Recalling further Sub-Commission resolutions 1990/1 and 1990/2 of 20 August 1990, and 1992/... of .. August 1992.

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 45/105 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly declared once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized form, such as apartheid, or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, were among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means,

Considering that despite the efforts thus far of the international community the principal objectives of the decades to combat racism have not been attained, and that millions of human beings continue to be the victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Concerned that despite these efforts racism and acts of violence resulting therefrom persist and are even increasing in a number of countries in North America and Europe,

Concerned also that in many parts of the world ethnic, cultural, linguistic, religious and other minorities are suffering from discrimination and discriminatory treatment,

Aware of the growing importance and magnitude of the phenomenon of racism and its consequences for migrant workers, as well as the efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of all migrant workers and their families, and recalling in that regard the adoption by the General Assembly of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,

Conscious that the scourges of racism and racial discrimination are continually assuming new forms, requiring a periodic re-examination of the methods used to combat them,

Convinced, however, that racism and racial discrimination, in whatever form, are intensified by, inter alia, conflicts over economic resources, in developed as well as in developing countries, and can best be defeated by a combination of economic, legislative and educational measures,

Reaffirming that all human rights and fundamental freedoms, economic, social and cultural, as well as civil and political, are indivisible and interrelated,

Convinced of the need for the proclamation by the General Assembly of a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination, to begin in 1993, as a means of intensifying international efforts in this field, particularly through international economic cooperation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on measures to combat racism and racial discrimination submitted to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-fourth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/11),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General and expresses its deep concern at the reported serious incidents attributable to racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia that take place in any part of the world;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly take appropriate steps in due course to launch a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination, to begin in 1993;

3. Emphasizes the obligation of the international community to take urgent measures to eradicate apartheid completely and to combat all other forms of racism and racial discrimination, including those practised against indigenous peoples, migrant workers and other minority and vulnerable groups;

4. Confirms the importance, in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination, of a complementarity of economic, social, educational and information measures at the national level, including legislative, administrative and penal measures, and of measures taken at the international level;

5. Recognizes the important role that can be played in this regard by the Sub-Commission, as well as the need for more effective coordination between the Centre for Human Rights and organizations of the United Nations system which undertake operational activities for development;

6. Welcomes the efforts of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to fulfil its mandate;

7. Recognizes the importance of activities aimed at directly assisting minority and vulnerable groups to strengthen their participation in national economic, social and political life;

8. Appeals to all Governments to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

9. Urges all Governments to undertake immediate measures and to develop strong policies effectively to combat racism and eliminate discrimination;

10. Decides to appoint, for a three-year period, a thematic special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia in the light of recent trends in many countries of the world and to report thereon to the Commission on an annual basis, beginning at its fiftieth session;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide further all necessary assistance;

12. Recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

Question of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/... of ... February 1993, approves the Commission's decision to appoint, for a three-year period, a special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia, and also approves the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Special Rapporteur receives all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources required to perform [his/her] functions, especially in carrying out missions and following them up. The Council further approves the Commission's request to the Special Rapporteur to report to the Commission at its fiftieth session.